



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

Record of Commission Action  
Commissioners Voting by Ballot \*

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Ann Brown  
Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall  
Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

ITEM

1999 Midyear Review

DECISION

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the staff proposals for adjustments in the agency's operating plan for the second half of the 1999 fiscal year, as set forth in the staff briefing package dated May 5, 1999, with the following change: of the \$16,000 recommended for the development of video news releases by the Office of Information and Public Affairs (OIPA), \$8,000 will be reallocated for a "children's sleepwear safety initiative." Commissioner Gall and Commissioner Moore filed identical statements and Chairman Brown filed a separate statement on their votes in this matter, copies attached.

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sadye E. Dunn".

Sadye E. Dunn  
Secretary

\* Ballot due May 19 1999

Explanation of  
Ballot Vote on 1999 Midyear Review  
Chairman Ann Brown  
May 19, 1999

I vote to approve the staff recommendations in the May 5, 1999 memorandum from Pamela Gilbert, Executive Director, to the Commission with the following change.

Of the \$16,000 recommended for development of video news releases by our Office of Information and Public Affairs ("OIPA"), \$8,000 will be reallocated for a "children's sleepwear safety initiative."

At this time, I am directing OIPA to prepare expeditiously a proposal with options for a children's sleepwear initiative, for future consideration by the Commission. When the Commission is presented with materials regarding this initiative, we will then be in a better position to consider what would be the most effective way to achieve our goal of informing the public about this issue.

My commitment to the safety of children and to the importance of preventing injuries, whether it is burns or other types of injuries, has been the whole thrust of my tenure as Chairman. On this issue, as all others, we must take into account the Commission's limited resources and decide how to use them most effectively to achieve our goals. I reserve judgment on what exactly the sleepwear safety initiative should consist of until we see OIPA's proposals. However, I would hope that any plan we adopt includes not only CPSC actions, but initiatives and support from the private sector.

Commissioner Mary Sheila Gill  
5/19/99

Ballot vote on 1999 Midyear Review

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Therefore, I direct the Director of the Office of Information and Public Affairs to design an I & E initiative on children's sleepwear safety, with a time line for a long range plan for implementation.

A report will be presented to the Commissioners by June 30, 1999 detailing planned activities for the first phase of the initiative. This initiative will begin in August, when fall clothing is marketed.

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